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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Man charged in felony killing of dog**

Howard County police have charged a Windsor Mill man in the killing of a friend's dog in Ellicott City. Corey Markus Jones, 26, of Mountain Green Circle, is charged with felony aggravated animal cruelty for stabbing the dog and tying it to a tree.

Police were called Dec. 30 for a report of blood in the area of the 8900 block of Town and Country Boulevard. Officers located a deceased pit bull tied to a tree with its throat cut. It appeared the dog had struggled to free itself before succumbing to its injuries.

Police quickly located the apartment where the dog had been in the care of friends of the owner. After interviews with witnesses, police identified Jones, who had recently been staying at the apartment, as the suspect in the killing. They found him hiding behind a shower curtain in the bathtub.

Jones has been charged with one felony count of intentionally mutilating, torturing and cruelly killing an animal, and two misdemeanor counts of causing unnecessary suffering and pain. He is being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

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